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JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA  
THEFT OF 318 WEAPON, 16 BLANKETS, 1 CARBINE RACK,  
FROM OHIO

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LOUIS MARTINEZ arrested New York City PD charged with kidnaping SIDNEY NEUBAUER, attorney for PETER LEBLOVIC, who is alleged to have contracted to sell arms and medicines for use by Cuban Rebels. On non-delivery of arms and medicines, LEBLOVIC delayed repayment of \$34,000 to FRANCISCO VARONA ALONSO and former University of Havana students and sent NEUBAUER to a pre-arranged meeting in New York City where NEUBAUER was kidnaped and held from 10/16 to 10/18/58. MARTINEZ denied taking part in deal concerning arms and medicines or in kidnaping of NEUBAUER. MARTINEZ denied being in Cleveland or Canton, Ohio since shortly after Labor Day, 1958.

Investigation at Canton and Cleveland of associates, relatives and airlines to date fails to show LOUIS MARTINEZ in Canton or Cleveland since early September, 1958. Investigation at Cleveland Airport fails to show MARTINEZ as passenger on flights to Miami and San Juan on 10/13 or 10/16/58. MARTINEZ denied ever being engaged in the purchase or transportation of arms, ammunition or planes for Cuban Rebels.

If MARTINEZ is re-interviewed at New York, it is noted in Cleveland Airtel of 10/20/58 informant advised of contacting him through RUTHFORD, thereby indicating more of an association than indicated by MARTINEZ on interview.

It is further noted in Cleveland Airtel of 10/20/58, informant states MARTINEZ during July and August, 1958, negotiated for ten planes in Toronto, Canada, which planes were shown to informant by MARTINEZ. New York interview reflects MARTINEZ denies purchase of planes for Cuban Rebels and refused to give reason for visit to Toronto.

Enclosed for the use of the following offices is a list of serial numbers of stolen weapons:

Miami (1)  
Milwaukee (1)  
San Juan (2)  
WFO (2)